



*Newport Beach Police Department*

## **Press Release**

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### **Vandalism of Ronald Reagan Memorial Statue**

#### ***\$5,000 Reward Offered***

On Sunday, November 6, at approximately 5:30 a.m. officers responded to a call of a vandalism in progress at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. A witness observed a suspect attaching what appeared to be a chain or rope to the Ronald Reagan Memorial Statue. The chain was secured to the front of the suspect's vehicle and the witness observed him attempting to use his vehicle to pull the statue down. The suspect fled into a nearby neighborhood prior to officers arriving. An extensive search of the area was conducted; however the suspect was not located.

The suspect was described as a male, wearing dark clothing. The vehicle was described as a tan, early 2000's model pickup truck with an extended cab.

The City of Newport Beach has announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this crime. Individuals who have information about this incident should contact Detective Pete Carpentieri at (949) 644-3772 or [pcarpentieri@nbpd.org](mailto:pcarpentieri@nbpd.org).

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